



Morning Minimum Wage

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Highlights from the Committee on Education and the Workforce Democrats' eForum on the need to raise the national minimum wage

"I've worked for McDonald's for 12 years and I'm still at poverty wage. It's not fair. I support two kids myself. They don't understand what mommy does to provide a roof, to provide and can still say 'we're ok.' My eight year old is noticing and she's my biggest supporter in this fight. She says 'Mommy, you can't give up.' I'm fighting for all my colleagues and my community... We are the backbone for McDonald's and other fast food companies that make millions and millions of dollars."

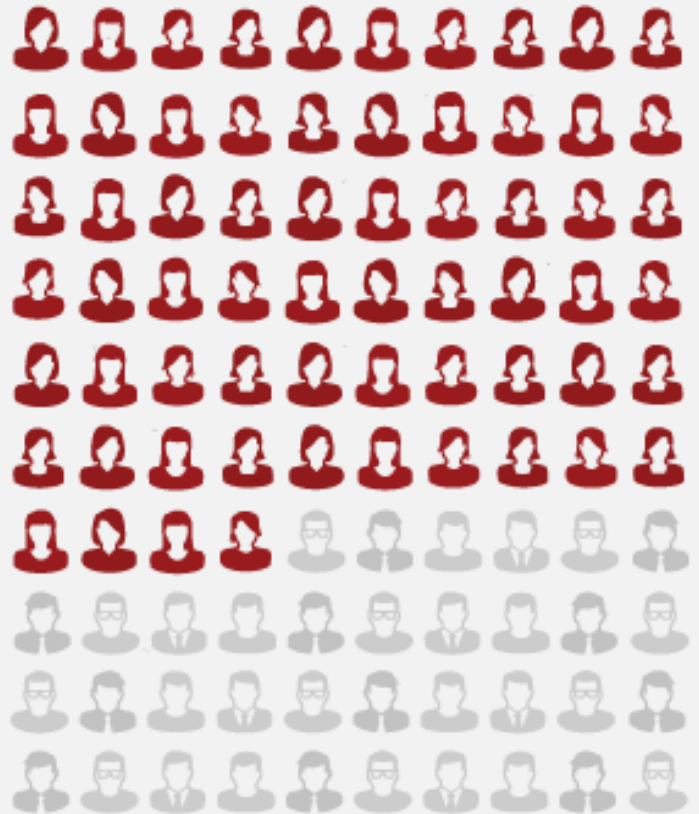
— Nancy, a minimum-wage worker from Illinois

From the National Women's Law Center:

"10 Reasons Raising the Minimum Wage to \$10.10 Is a Women's Issue"

Nearly two-thirds of minimum-wage earners are women

In 2012, more than 64 percent of minimum-wage workers were women



Source: Calculations using Center for Economic and Policy Research Uniform Extracts of Current Population Survey Outgoing Rotation Group data for 2012.

From the Center for American Progress

Other Resources:

- **Economic Impacts:** *The Clear Benefits of a Higher Wage* (The New York Times)
- **State-By-State Information:** *Higher State Minimum Wages Promote Fair Pay for Women* (NWLC)
- **Personal Impact:** *National Poll Showing Small Businesses Support Raising the Wage* (Small Business Majority)

